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Jeremy Berger performs a monologue at the Festival of Lights last Thursday. The annual event officially opens the Christmas season at GWU.

# Mills serves on RHA Board

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To some, attending Gardner-Webb University is required by parents, to others it is a chance to make a difference. Even the chance to make a difference for the school.

Senior Cathy Mills is striving hard to make a difference for GWU through the Resident Hall Association (RHA).

Mills joined RHA in 1998, after coming here as a transfer from Central Piedmont Community College in Charlotte, NC.

As a hall representative for HAPY Hall, she jumped into an executive board position because of the resignation of a member.

This year she attained the position of the North Carolina Association of Residence Hall's (NCARH) State Board Associate Director of Finance.

"I wanted to make a bigger difference for Gardner-Webb," said Mills when describing her reason for her bid for the state position.

"I wanted to make a name for it (GWU) before I graduate," she said.

RHA advisor, Julie Laughlin, stated that having Mills on the state board is a connection that Gardner-Webb would not otherwise have. Not only does having a connection give GWU an advantage, but it is also a good way to attract people to Gardner-Webb University.

Laughlin said that she had about three people wanting to work at Gardner-Webb because they saw the good representation at the conferences, good standing with awards and quality programs.

Mills' job includes sitting in on state board meetings and putting together a budget. Also, she gets to lead activities, such as collecting money for schools to get involved with NCARH and helping to decide what school gets to host the Winter Summit.

Even though she is a senior, Mills has hopes for the future of RHA.

"I want to see it continue to grow. We have awesome people who can add more to the program," she said.



## Say What Karaoke

**TOP:** Junior Melissa Houghton jumps in air with joy when she received a 10 for her performance. Hostess Kristin Tranthem holds the microphone as judges Andrew Barraclough and Waldo Guyon vote.

**RIGHT:** Karaoke hostesses Summer Jeffcoat and Kristin Tranthem hold the box that contains all the numbers for contestants.

**FAR RIGHT:** Freshman Jordan Bartell dances to the music.

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